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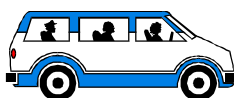
What's New in Licensing?

MOVING AROUND...



The Health Facilities Section goes “regional” in September 1999. In keeping with Department of Health goals of bringing services closer to consumers, the Health Facilities Section will open two new offices in addition to the Main or Central office in Salt Lake City. The two new offices will be in the Southern Region, co-located with Child Care Licensing spaces, in Provo and St. George.

The change will involve a transfer and or re-assignment of both Program Managers, and personnel. David Eagar and Joel Hoffman, Program Managers for both Health Facility and Child Care Licensing in the Central and Southern regions respectively, will change places. David Eagar will move to Provo and Joel Hoffman will come back to Salt Lake City. In addition, David Shorten, RN will move to the Provo office as Team Leader, with a new specialist yet to be hired. Larry Naylor will move to St. George to work out of the St. George office. Sharon McCombs will assume the duties of Complaint Coordinator and divide her time between the Salt Lake City and Provo offices. Bill Bonn, AIA, will assume the plan review and construction inspection duties in Salt Lake City. In addition to providing services closer to the provider community, commute time and travel has been significantly reduced for all involved.



As with any significant undertaking, we expect some “bumps” in this new road, but we are confident that they can be ironed out and a more efficient service system will be the result.

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Health Facility Committee Meeting
April 30, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Licensure Actions/Sanctions. - Mr. Eagar updated the committee on the Licensure Actions/Sanctions that have been processed since the February meeting.

Sub-Committee Assignments-Requests for nominations to serve on the staff to patient ratio and end of life sub-committees have been mailed to interested parties. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated there will be some ex-officio members included from the Department of Health on the subcommittees.

Ms. Boswick, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, is retiring as the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. Ms. Boswick expressed appreciation for all the support she's received and requested that the new State Long Term Care Ombudsman's name be added to the sub-committee when he/she is hired.

Small Health Care Facilities Type "N" – Issue Paper-Mr. Stransky moved that a sub-committee be formed to address the licensing rules for Type "N" facilities. Dr. Jorgensen added that owners of Type "N" facilities should be invited to be on the sub-committee and seconded the motion. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. Ms. Siskin volunteered to chair the sub-committee.

Collection of Funds on Resident's Death-Discussion will be held at next meeting with Attorney Mylar's concept summary.

BCI Rule Change - Ms. Wynkoop-Green reviewed changes made to R432-35, Background Screening rule, due to the passage of Senate Bill 194 to make the rules consistent with the statute. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that an article is in the newsletter and training is available upon request. Dr. Jorgensen moved to approve the changes in the background screening rule, R432-35. Ms. Siskin seconded the motion. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Other Items - Mr. Eagar reviewed the proposed changes for the "Request For Agency Action/ License Application" form. Ms. Siskin moved to accept the proposed changes to Hospice options from "Inpatient Outpatient " to be "Main Office Branch Office and Inpatient " in section C of the Request For Agency Action/License Application. Ms. Wanta seconded the motion. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

The next meeting will be on August 27, 1999 in Room 125 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.





DEFICIENCY FREE SURVEYS

The following facilities and agencies received deficiency free health and life safety surveys from either the Bureau of Licensing, or the Bureau of Medicare/Medicaid Program Certification and Resident Assessment:

March 29, 1999 to August 5, 1999

American Fork Hospital TCU
Art City Nursing & Rehab
At Home Health Care
Bountiful Health and Rehabilitation
Care Source Home Health
Columbia St. Mark's TCU
Deerhaven
Draper Rehabilitation & Residential Care
Harmony House Residential
Holladay Estate Assisted Living I
Holladay Home for Elderly
Kane County Hospital Home Health
Life Care at Home of Utah
Pleasant Acres for the Elderly
Red Cliffs regional
Rocky Mountain Home Care
Tooele Valley Nursing Home
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